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U.S. Publication 2002/0056536 A1 is believed to be an English language equivalent of German Patent DE 199 17 869 A 1 and is being provided in lieu of a translation of DE 199 17 869 A 1.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2), please charge the fee of \$180.00 set forth in §1.17(p) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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